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June 8, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDS (PROPOSITION 50, CHAPTER 8)
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution delegating authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District), or his designee, to file an application with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), on behalf of itself and other local entities in the Greater Los Angeles County region (Region), for Proposition 50, Chapter 8, implementation grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$25 million to assist in financing 13 projects in the region; and designating the Chief Engineer of the District, or his designee, to act as the authorized representative of the District when conducting business with the DWR and/or the State Board on any and all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing a Grant Agreement and any Amendments and signing requests for payment or reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In November 2002, the voters of California enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), adding provisions to the California Water Code. Chapter 8 of Proposition 50, commencing with Water Code, Section 79560, authorizes the Legislature to appropriate \$500 million for an Integrated Regional Water Management Program (Program).

The intent of the Program is to encourage integrated regional strategies for the management of water resources and to provide funding through competitive grants for projects that protect communities from drought, improve water reliability, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. In November 2004, the DWR and the State Board adopted guidelines to establish the process and criteria to solicit applications, evaluate proposals, and award grants under the Program.

The Program consists of both planning grants for development of Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) and implementation grants to construct projects. The District will be the grant administrator for a planning grant recently awarded by the DWR and State Board to develop an IRWMP for the region. The IRWMP is to be adopted by January 1, 2007.

The implementation grants are designed for projects that are ready for, or nearly ready, to proceed to implementation. The allocation of implementation grant funds requires a two-step application process. Several entities within the County of Los Angeles, namely, the Cities of Downey and Los Angeles, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, Watershed Conservation Authority, and West and Central Basin Municipal Water Districts, submitted step 1 implementation grant proposals on behalf of themselves and other local entities within their jurisdictions in July 2005. Step 1 implementation grant proposals were evaluated based on the criteria provided. On March 10, 2006, the DWR and State Board invited certain entities to have one agency submit a consolidated step 2 implementation grant application on their behalf, incorporating their projects into one IRWMP for the entire region. The DWR, State Board, and the consolidated entities requested the District to be the grantee and submit the application for step 2 implementation grant funds on behalf of itself and other local entities for grant funds in the amount of \$25 million.

The following local entities have proposed projects to be included in the step 2 implementation grant proposal for the Region: The Cities of Calabasas and Westlake Village, Central and West Basin Municipal Water Districts, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, National Park Service, and the District (collectively, Local Entities).

The District, as the lead agency, intends to submit a step 2 implementation grant application on behalf of itself and the other Local Entities, which will include a suite of 13 projects and will identify the required minimum funding match of at least 10 percent of total project costs. The 13 projects are described in Enclosure A and include the Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement, which is a District project.

The enclosed Resolution will allow the Chief Engineer of the District, or his designee, to apply for implementation grant funds in the amount of \$25 million. If awarded grant funds, we will return to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the grant funds and to request authority to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the other Local Entities who would be responsible for implementing each of the individual projects as well as providing the matching funds required and stated on the grant application. Board approval will also be required to proceed with the District's Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources. It is also consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Community Services since the implementation of the projects in the grant application would improve the quality of life for residents in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The estimated total cost of implementing the 13 projects is \$71,166,250, of which \$25,000,000 will be reimbursed from the implementation grant, if awarded. The remaining \$46,166,250 will come from the Local Entities' matching funds, as described on Enclosure A.

The total cost of implementing the District's project, the Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement project, is estimated at \$12,827,000 and will be budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District budget. If the grant is awarded, the District will receive \$5,135,634 from the grant funds to partially reimburse the project.

Upon award of grant funds, we will request your Board to accept the grant funding and authorize the implementation of the Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant program requires grant applications to include a Resolution from the jurisdiction's governing body identifying the representative authorized to file the application and execute the Grant Agreement. The enclosed Resolution has been prepared to conform to this requirement and has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution does not constitute a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it can be seen with certainty that the action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (Public Resources Code, Section 21065). If selected for grant funding, the District and the other Local Entities will demonstrate that they have complied with all applicable CEQA requirements and the appropriate environmental documents will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the Program guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The implementation of these projects will enhance the quality of life for residents in the region by improving water quality and water reliability while reducing dependence on imported water.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and three copies of the signed Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,
APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50); and

WHEREAS, this grant program is jointly administered by the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board require the governing body of a grant applicant to designate, by Resolution, an authorized representative for filing the grant application and executing the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT) intends to submit an application for implementation grant funds in the amount of Twenty-five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for projects under the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program on behalf of the following local entities in the Greater Los Angeles County Region: Cities of Calabasas and Westlake Village, Central and West Basin Municipal Water Districts, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles/San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, National Park Service, and DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to collectively as Local Entities); and

WHEREAS, the Local Entities have identified thirteen (13) projects in the Greater Los Angeles County Region to be included in the DISTRICT'S implementation grant proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the DISTRICT:

1. That application be made to the California Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board on behalf of the Local Entities to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 and to enter into an

Agreement to receive a grant for implementation of thirteen (13) projects that protect communities from drought, conserve and improve water quality, restore habitat, and reduce dependency on imported water;

2. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the Chief Engineer of the DISTRICT, or his designee, to file such application for grant funds in an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) and designates the Chief Engineer, or his designee, to act as the authorized representative of the DISTRICT when conducting business with the California Department of Water Resources and/or State Water Resources Control Board on any and all matters related to this grant, including negotiating and executing the Grant Agreement and any Amendments and signing requests for payment/reimbursement.


The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
Deputy

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Enclosure A

Greater Los Angeles County Region -- Prop 50, Chapter 8 Round 1 Projects

No. of Projects	Sub-Region	Project	Project Classification	Agency	Project Description	Total Project Cost	State Request	Cost Share	Cost Share %
	North Santa Monica Bay	Construction of the Las Virgenes Creek Restoration Project.	Habitat restoration	City of Calabasas	The main objective of the project is to reestablish a native creek side habitat to enhance the water quality and biological environment of the area. The restoration would reestablish direct connectivity between the two existing riparian communities to the north and south of the concrete segment.	\$1,286,000	\$915,000	\$771,000	60%
1	North Santa Monica Bay	Urban Runoff / conservation / native flow restoration	Water supply, water quality, habitat	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, City of Westlake	This project integrates urban runoff reduction & indoor & outdoor water conservation.	\$1,975,250	\$428,000	\$1,549,250	78%
2	North Santa Monica Bay	Restoration of Southern Steelhead Habitat in Solstice Creek	Habitat restoration	National Park Service	Removal of built-up sediment and debris trapped behind small dams and impoundments. Removal of fish impediments and riparian habitat restoration.	\$500,000	\$78,386	\$421,634	84%
3		Southeast Water Reliability Project, Phase 1 Water Recycling	Recycled Water	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Constructing a recycled water line from San Jose Creek WRP to distribute recycled water to users in Pico Rivera and Montebello	\$15,200,000	\$3,530,000	\$11,670,000	77%
4		Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant UV Disinfection Studies	Water Treatment	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	Modifying the process of tertiary treatment at the WNWWRP from chloramination to UV disinfection	\$6,600,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,600,000	70%
5	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed/South Bay Watershed/North Santa Monica Bay	Large Landscape Conservation/Runoff Reduction Management and Educational Program.	Conservation	West Basin Municipal Water District and Central Basin Municipal Water District	This project will evaluate and implement a large landscape water management program utilizing centralized weather-based irrigation controllers and systems that link back to the local water and regional agencies regarding end-use water management. The program is designed to allow the local users (parks, schools, cities, etc.) to work with a water management company that utilizes the HydroEarth management system. HydroEarth is an environmentally minded company that provides multi-faceted solutions to conserve water and protect the environment. It also includes ET controller installations, indoor plumbing retrofits, "Ocean Friendly Garden" workshops, and irrigation system retrofits targeted to high runoff residential and commercial properties.	\$5,288,000	\$2,100,000	\$3,188,000	60%
6		Wilmington Drain Restoration Multiuse Project	Wetlands Creation/Restoration	City of LA, Dept of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection Division	This project proposes wetlands restoration in the Dominguez Channel Watershed. The project will:	\$11,120,000	\$4,500,000	\$6,620,000	60%
7					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and restore coastal wetlands ecosystems. • Preserve and restore stream corridors and wetlands in coastal watersheds. • Recover native habitat and species diversity. • Prevent future degradation and/or loss of wetlands resources 				
8	Southeast	Marshland Enhancement	Wetlands Creation/Restoration	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County	This project will enhance and maintain the vegetation and wildlife habitat value of the 17-acre freshwater JVP/PCP marshland.	\$1,565,000	\$400,000	\$1,165,000	74%
	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	North Atwater Creek Restoration and Water Quality Project		City of LA Bureau of Sanitation	Project will expand the existing park by adding over 5 acres of water quality improvement landscaping. Project will restore an existing degraded remnant seasonal riparian stream tributary to the LA River, creating an intermittent streambed fed by urban runoff and an intermittent wetlands for improving water quality and increasing infiltration; project includes a native upland wooded area, walk paths, picnic area, informational kiosk, benches, riverfront walk, and a small parking lot featuring storm water BMPs	\$5,600,000	\$2,250,000	\$3,350,000	60%
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10	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	South Los Angeles Wetlands Park		City of LA Bureau of Sanitation	Project will convert a former MTA maintenance facility into a multi-benefit community resource with a water quality treatment element, a constructed wetland, and a community and education center	\$8,000,000	\$3,300,000	\$4,700,000	59%
	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	Pacoima Wash Greenway Project: 8th Street Park	Flood control/Stormwater Capture	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Part of the planned Pacoima Wash Greenway Project - a three mile long corridor of open space which also offers stormwater capture benefits. This project would convert 3 acres of undeveloped land into a natural park that collects, treats and infiltrates residential runoff onsite.	\$997,000	\$587,000	\$410,000	41%
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	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat	Exotic Species Removal	LA/SG Rivers Watershed Council	Around and exotic eradication at 4 locations in the San Gabriel Valley	\$208,000	\$178,000	\$30,000	14%
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	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement	Water Supply	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Lower the operational pool behind Morris Dam by upgrading the dam's control structures to allow more water to be released for recharge at downstream spreading grounds	\$12,827,000	\$5,135,634	\$7,691,366	60%
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Totals:						\$71,166,260	\$26,000,000	\$46,166,260	65%